

Religion

Full of Faith



CHATTANOOGA WELCOMES ALL FAITHS.

Residents and visitors can find a mosaic of cultures and religions, with beautiful places of worship, nonprofit ministries focused on helping others, and faith-based educational institutions.

A variety of churches are available in the area, from traditional to contemporary. Protestant denominations include Baptist, Presbyterian, Church of Christ, Church of God, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Methodist, Seventh-day Adventist, and more. Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Latter-day Saints, and Unitarian communities are also represented, as is a thriving Jewish community with synagogues for the orthodox, conservative, and reformed. Baha'i house of worship, Buddhist centers, Hindi temples, and Muslim mosques complete the religious landscape.

Several Chattanooga area churches are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. From Greek revival to colonial to contemporary, there are worship centers with beautiful architecture that are full of history.

Opportunities are abundant to serve others in need through area churches, religious organizations, and many nonprofit ministries. Among many are organizations focused on the homeless, education, underprivileged children, widows, and music education.

For parents looking to provide their children with a faith-based education, Chattanooga is home to Catholic, Christian, Jewish, Islamic, and Seventh-day Adventist schools. Schools range from daycare and preschool to elementary and high school. Several nearby religious colleges and universities include Bryan College, Covenant College, Lee University, and Southern Adventist University. For more information on choices for education, see this issue's sections on Education and Higher Education.

DID YOU KNOW?

Built in 1882, the old stone church tower on Georgia and McCallie Avenue is all that remains of the downtown First Methodist Episcopal Church's original building. The stone, Chickamauga Limestone, was quarried on the Joshua Beck Farm in what is now North Chattanooga. Many of the stones from the original structure are preserved in the parking area nearby.